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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 20 Aug 1994 21:47:03 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Code Learning s/w for a MAC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <32qdjfd\$dg5@nyx.cs.du.edu>, tkell@nyx.cs.du.edu (ted kell)
writes:

>I am looking for some code practice software that runs on a MAC. Any
>suggestions? Any suggestions as to MAC ftp sites?

Try oak.oakland.edu

There is an excellent program called Morse Trainer 1.1.1... the guys on AOL
that have used it love it!

73 for now.... c u on the shortwaves
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Subject: General Class Exam Question Pool
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The question pool did change effective 7/1/94. A pretty significant upgrade,
less than 1/2 of the original questions were included. If you are interested in
the new pool in a Software Study Guide with lot's of features - graphics,
explanations, analysis etc. -- Call QSO Software at 1 800 GUD DX 73 -- 1 800
483 3973. Jeff

Date: 21 Aug 1994 04:26:19 GMT
From: news.sprintlink.net!news.interserv.net!usenet@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Iambic Keyer Standards
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Iambic chips that are typically used in keyers, the Curtis 8044ABM, does have
two modes available -- A&B. I can never remember which is which, but one has a
self completing feature where as even if you come off of the paddle while a tone
is sending, the subsequent dit or dah will still be sent. You must actually be
ahead of the sound with your movement. Supposedly this can allow you to reach
higher speeds with the paddle. The biggest impact I've seen, is that if you are
used to the non-completing mode and try to use the self-completing you have a heck
of a time not getting an extra dot or dash at the end of a character. Not a very
detailed explanation I realize but I hope it helps. '73 Jeff WB3B

Date: 21 Aug 1994 05:09:34 GMT
From: netcomsv!ix.netcom.com!netnews@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Japanese Prefecture and City list available
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A list of the 47 Japanese prefectures and 653 cities along with their JCC numbers is available by anonymous FTP at ftp.netcom.com in /pub/eaubery/jcc.txt.

These numbers, often found on Japanese QSL cards, are used in applying for several JARL awards:

Worked All Japan prefecture Award (WAJA) - Obtain QSLs from stations in all 47 prefectures.

Japan Century Cities (JCC) - Obtain QSLs from stations in 100 different cities. Further awards are available for 200 - 600 cities.

Worked All Cities Awards (WACA) - Obtain QSLs from stations in all Japanese cities.

If you have similar lists for other awards, please let me know.

N6WFK - eric

Date: Sat, 20 Aug 1994 21:24:40
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yeshua.marcam.com!hookup!news.sprintlink.net!indirect.com!
s17.phxslip2.indirect.com!barry@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Repeater Autopatch
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <kgk-1908941148450001@kgkmac.repoc.nwu.edu> kgk@nwu.edu (Kenneth Kalan) writes:

>From: kgk@nwu.edu (Kenneth Kalan)
>Subject: Repeater Autopatch
>Date: 19 Aug 1994 16:46:31 GMT

>I've heard something interesting yesterday on one of the local repeaters. A
>person used the phone patch and got placed on hold. The place he called had
>music on hold and someone came on the repeater and told him to hang up because
>playing music is illegal.

The ARRL had an article years ago that stated since music on hold was not the intent of the call, in fact it was incidental to the call, it would be considered ok. However, if a station kept calling the number because with the intent to listen to the music, then it is illegal.

For many years I was the chief control operator for my local groups repeaters and have always asked that users interrupt the music every few seconds with

their call letters while on hold.

73 Barry Rose K7yym

>I guess if you follow the letter of the law it is, but I would think this is>kind of a grey area. Your not playing the music although your ticket is>responseable because your the one initiating the call. Just that today music on>hold is not uncommon and if phone patches are legal, then the FCC rules may need>to be changed slightly.

>I'm curious what others think about this.

>Regards

>Ken

>(Still waiting and waiting and waiting)

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nntp.cs.ubc.ca!torn!news.unb.@ihnp4.ucsd.edu
Subject: TNC Recommendation
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greg Danylchenko (ac742@FreeNet.Carleton.CA) wrote:

: all that on air experience that you have gained since) which manufacturer
: and model would you get? I am looking for the best combination of price

Hello Greg I would say that in order to really give you a fair answer
you would have to indicate if you plan to use the TNC on VHF only or
if you want to use it for VHF and HF and then the choices get kind of
subjective so maybe if you post your requirements I think I could you
give you my personal opinion completely unbiased :=) 73's....

: Thanks in advance.
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: VE3YTZ

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In article <32u6i3$2kt7@yuma.ACNS.ColoState.EDU>,
galen@picea.CFNR.ColoState.EDU (Galen Watts) writes:
|> In article <32u265$g8d@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>
sbertsch@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Steve Bertsch) writes:
|> >Are there any stats, or even ballpark guesses, on how many folks are
still
|> >interested in VHF modes other than FM, particularly 2 meter SSB? I may
be
|> >able to pick up a 2 meter all-mode at a good price, but don't want to
spend
|> >a chunk of $$ on an electronic nick-nack. I live in central Ohio, BTW.

|> Nooooo, nobody doing that stuff anymore.
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Well then, I'm nobody. I'm on 144.200 USB. I listen a lot but I do call CQ (and I get responses even with a vertical).

Galen and anyone else interested....

NON FM use of 144 MHZ (know as "Weak Signal") is alive and well!

I publish a directory of Weak Signal VHFers throughout North America. This years edition had over 1800 Active VHFers in all of N. America, Which includes KL7, KH6, VE, W, XE, and the caribbean.

This past weekend was the annual Persieds Meteor Shower. If your not up on Meteors, When entering the atmosphere they ionize the air while burning up, forming a brief medium on which VHF signals will reflect.

Over a 5 day period I heard and worked many stations on 144 and 50 Mhz SSB/CW, Some as far as 1200 miles away.

The point is this... Just because you don't know about a thing does not mean it doesn't exist! Weak signal awareness needs to be stressed more whenever possible. Theres more than enough room for all who use the VHF bands. Just remember the bottom 300 to 500 Khz of every VHF band is for weak signal use only, not a place to hide from everyone else on the band. The use of FM in the "Weak Siganl" segment is against all band plans and more importantly discouritious to those of use who use SSB/CW on a regular basis. Please keep this in mind when looking for that quite place to operate FM simplex.

Another spot to avoid is the region of 145.8 - 146.0 Mhz. That is the Oscar downlink for mode B and should be avoided as FM in that area will make ALL satellites USELESS!

I've installed High level repeaters with remote bases, Operated long haul FM simplex, Worked 500+ mile SSB/CW simplex from 8000' Mtn tops, Worked Europe through Oscar 13, Worked Hawaii from NV on 144 Mhz using the Duct that appears in the summer, and worked worldwide 144 Mhz by bouncing signals off the Moon (EME).

All of that activity occurs in the bottom 300 Khz of 144 Mhz. To say hardly anyone participates in "NON FM" use of VHF is NOT CORRECT . Anyone wishing to know more about "Weak Signal" use of VHF, I refere you to N6CL's "VHF PLUS" and W3EP's "The World Above 50 Mhz" columns in CQ and QST. Another good resource are their books, "The VHF HOW TO book" by N6CL and "Beyond Line Of Sight" by W3EP, Both worth much more than their cover price for the info they contain.

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73s and DX from Reno, NV de Tim, NC7K...sk
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Date: 20 Aug 1994 22:48:05 -0400

From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Why Some people hate Wayne Green
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <32ua9p\$m0n@adm09.iac.honeywell.com>, Dave Phillips <dphillips@ws07.iac.honeywell.com> wrote:
>Seems like there are alot of people out there who just don't like
>Wayne Green. Some have even cancelled their subscriptions to 73 due
>to his "homophobic blathering" within its pages.
>
I've followed Wayne for a lot of years. Probably his most annoying quality is it turns out that he is right an awful lot of the time.
Gordon AB5DG

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I enjoy reading the Never Say Die column. It does get a little repetitious but generally its motivating. Its got me thinking a few times and I actually done some good things with his advice (and made \$\$\$!)

- Rob, N1NTE:

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References <eaim084-1408941503350001@fl08ara003.comm.mot.com>,
<keith.35.0009023A@radio.nl.nuwc.navy.mil>, <300@coutts.UUCP>7.phx
Subject : Re: XYL Reactions (snicker- Kodak moment) (was Re: IC-751A HF
Transceiver)

In article <300@couetts.UUCP> ww@couetts.UUCP (Warren Gay) writes:
>From: ww@couetts.UUCP (Warren Gay)
>Subject: XYL Reactions (snicker- Kodak moment) (was Re: IC-751A HF Transceiver)
>Date: 19 Aug 94 02:56:31 GMT
>Keywords: radio dishwasher cleaning xyl

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>In article <keith.35.0009023A@radio.nl.nuwc.navy.mil>
>keith@radio.nl.nuwc.navy.mil (Keith Kanoun) writes:
>>In article <eaim084-1408941503350001@fl08ara003.comm.mot.com> eaim084@email.
>>mot.com (Steve Carlton) writes:
>>>A friend of mine had a similar experience with a HW-101 which was sitting
>>>in a garage in Florida for many years. It was full of dirt and cobwebs. He
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>>>took all the tubes out and put it in a dishwasher and washed it then
>>>rinsed several times. After drying, he replaced all the tubes, cleaned the
>>>volume control, etc and the unit fired right up. Don't know if this will
>>>work for you, but it did for WB4ZZB.
>[...]
>>Maybe plain water in the dishwasher (no soap) is "safest".
>[...]
>>keith@radio.nl.nuwc.navy.mil

>If it has any plastic parts, be very careful. At the end of the wash,
>many dishwashers turn on a heating element that has ruined many a
>plastic article in ours. Since a HF rig is not something you
>casually put in the dishwasher and go watch TV, I suppose this
>is not too much of a problem to remember to remove it!

>I would think that meters might suffer from leakage and water
>moisture build up.

>But then again, as in some equipment, if you have nothing to lose,
>then why not. I know some people that have disassembled hard disks
>in their "non-clean" basements, and put them back into service
>successfully. So, who knows whether a gamble pays off or not?

>Actually, come to think of it... why not put the TUBES in the top
>rack? Get them all nice and spiffy clean... they're least likely
>to suffer from it, assuming they can't move much!

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>I can just imagine what my XYL's reaction would be... opening the
>dish washer and pulling out the top drawer full of tubes (snicker)...
>...then pulling out the bottom drawer with the old boat-anchor
>(rig) sitting on it!!!

>Then the side tray where the silverware normally goes, I could leave
>my favourite pliers, screwdrivers, and open-end and box-end wrenches.

>Ah... that would be fun... even if it meant the dog house for a week.
>A Kodak moment... good footage for America's funniest videos.

That HW101 would be clean enough to eat off of!
barry

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